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UPGRADATION SYSTEM OF BERTH
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after introduction of upgradation system by the Ministry, the seats are not provided and waitlisted tickets are not confirmed even when the seats are available in the trains; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R.VELU)

(a)&(b): Upgradation of Passengers from lower class to higher class free of charge is subject to the following conditions:-

i. Upgradation is done only in those Mail/Express trains in which sleeping accommodation is available.

ii. This scheme is applicable only to the passengers who have booked their tickets on full fare.

iii. This scheme is not applicable for block booking transactions.

iv. The passengers who have given their option as "NO" at the time of filling of requisition form for seeking reservation are not upgraded.

v. Upgradation is done only to the extent of clearance of combined waiting list of all classes.

vi. Some prescribed berths are kept vacant for current booking against which no upgradation takes place.

As such it is possible that the waitlist passengers may not get upgraded despite availability of vacant accommodation in higher class, in the event of any of the eventualities mentioned above.